

Subject: Earth Day celebration
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Friends:

Although we celebrate Earth Day once a year, it's the work we do year-round that counts.

Here in the 13th District we are working every day to help protect our environment. In 2017 we planted 1,492 trees and my Clean Team completed 875 work sites. Most of the projects involved clearing away dumped bulky items and trash from our parkways and storm drains, preventing even more debris from entering the Los Angeles River.

I am also working on policy to help reduce the negative impacts of plastic waste in our environment. Worldwide, plastic straws are among the top 10 marine debris flowing into our oceans. As a coastal city, we have a responsibility to act. That's why I introduced a motion with my colleague Nury Martinez to create a city-wide ordinance to deal with this issue. I hope you will join me as this initiative moves along in the legislative process.

We have so much to celebrate this Earth Day but we have so much more to do. I hope you will join me at one of the following events:

- [LA Sanitation Earth Day Celebration](#)
- [Friends of the LA River 29th Annual Cleanup](#)

See you around the district!

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COMING UP

FRI 4/20 [Arts Day LA](#)

FRI 4/20 [BlueLA Electric Vehicle launch at LACC](#)

TUES 5/1 [Silver Lake Reservoir Community Meeting](#)

HEADLINES

Council approves ordinances aimed at housing our homeless [[BH Courier](#)]

EmbRACE LA tackles racism [[Beverly Press](#)]

LADOT to address traffic on Baxter Street [[ABC7](#)]

TEAM MITCH MAKING A DIFFERENCE

EAST HOLLYWOOD - Our Council District 13 Clean Team was dispatched to a location containing several bulky items illegally dumped on Heliotrope Drive.

Residents can report bulky items using the MyLA311 app on your SmartPhone device, or by calling our office at 213-207-3015.

[SEE MORE BEFORE AND AFTER PHOTOS](#)

NEW CROSSWALK IN HOLLYWOOD

HOLLYWOOD -- We dedicated a newly installed pedestrian activated signal and high visibility crosswalk at Hollywood Boulevard and Gramercy

Place. The enhancement is part of the Hollywood-Western Streetscape Project that aims to improve safety for all users of the public right of way, and will incorporate features such as new crosswalks and signals, wider sidewalks, and upgraded curb ramps for ADA accessibility. This is the sixth such project to address road and sidewalk safety since taking office in 2013!

[PHOTOS: CD13 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECTS](#)

EMBRACE LA KICK OFF

LOS ANGELES - Councilmembers Mitch O'Farrell, Herb Wesson, and Nury Martinez announced the start of the embRACE LA dinners! In the coming days we are hosting 100 dinners across the city, with each one consisting of a chef, a gathering of 10 neighbors, and a thoughtful dialogue centered on race. Councilmembers O'Farrell and Wesson have served as partners on this initiative since 2016.

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

BIG READ LA

CITY HALL - As Chair of the City's *Arts, Entertainment, Parks, and Los Angeles River Committee*, Councilmember O'Farrell shined the spotlight on the Department of Cultural Affairs and the Big Read program, which aims to encourage the enjoyment of literature and poetry in Los Angeles. Dozens of students joined the presentation in Council this week to highlight the featured reading this year: **Citizen**, *an American Lyric* by Claudia Rankine.

TAKE THE HOLLYWOOD SURVEY

HOLLYWOOD -- The Hollywood Survey is an initiative commissioned by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of this survey is to help capture demographic, behavioral, and attitudinal analytics of the diverse people who make up this thriving community in the heart of Los Angeles. As the leading business

organization in Hollywood, advocating for economic growth and opportunity, the Hollywood Chamber values, and needs, your input on this important research project.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER LUNCHEON - The lovely, beautiful, iconic and amazing talent Vanessa Williams before receiving the Lifetime Achievement award from the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce!

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